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PRELMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicants request entry of the following preliminary amendment and reconsideration of the final office action mailed November 2, 2006 in light of the following Remarks. A Request for Continued Examination and a petition for a two month extension of time are filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.